

“Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

– John 8:12

## BRINGING THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL TO THE DARKENESS

Loneliness, hopelessness, broken relationships, and other emotional struggles flood the lives of people experiencing homelessness. **The Safe Harbor House allows ATLAS to build relationships with people who are struggling through such dark times.** Your support allows us to walk alongside them, pray with them, and look for opportunities to communicate the hope of the gospel to them. Our hope is to plant and water seeds of faith in the lives of each guest as we help them with housing, employment, and other needs.

**WILL YOU HELP US BRING GOSPEL HOPE TO FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?**

## YES, I WILL HELP BRING GOSPEL HOPE TO STRUGGLING FAMILIES!

Your financial support for ATLAS ensures that hurting people won't have to walk through their struggles alone. You can donate to ATLAS in one of three easy ways:



### MAIL

Mail your donations to:

**ATLAS  
PO BOX 1511  
Willmar, MN 56201**



### ONLINE

Visit [atlaswcmn.org/give](https://atlaswcmn.org/give) to donate safely and securely online. Make a one-time donation or set up an automatic recurring donation online.



### AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL

Request an automatic **monthly withdrawal authorization form** to donate monthly directly from your bank account.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual ATLAS  
Dessert Fundraiser  
Friday, April 24  
At Willmar AG Church**

Join us for homemade desserts as we share what God is doing through ATLAS and how you can make an impact for Christ in people's lives.

The event is free but you must RSVP. If you wish to reserve a table for eight, the cost is \$80.

**RSVP to** 320-441-2250,  
[info@atlaswcmn.org](mailto:info@atlaswcmn.org), or online at  
<http://www.atlaswcmn.org/rsvp>



WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

# ATLAS

TOGETHER TOUCHING LIVES FOR CHRIST

## CARING FOR THE HOMELESS

**THROUGH THE ATLAS SAFE HARBOR HOUSE, YOU PROVIDE HELP AND HOPE TO LOCAL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.**



**How much time did you spend yesterday thinking about where to sleep last night?** The answer for most of us was probably not at all. Most of us take for granted that we know exactly where

we will sleep each night. But for many people, finding a place to spend the night is an exhausting, and traumatic experience. Through the Safe Harbor House, ATLAS seeks to help families with children **(continued on page 2)**



# GOD

**IS MAKING ALL THINGS NEW**

Revelation 21:5

**Our vision** at ATLAS is to have a caring Christ-follower available for anyone in need. We walk *with* people through the struggles of life to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.



# SAFE HARBOR HOUSE

## GOSPEL HOPE FOR FAMILIES

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who are homeless.

“Tracy” and “Brian” are one of several families who have been served through the house. They and their young son became homeless after “Brian” lost his job.

During the two months they stayed in the house, “Brian” was not only able to find a new job and a new place to live, but ATLAS was also able to help them make new connections. One day during their stay, ATLAS director Jason Haug and Pastor Paul Vasilko from Refuge Church stopped by the house simply to say hi and see if there was anything they needed. “Brian” was in the process of making chicken, so he invited them to eat with them. As they ate, “Brian” and “Tracy” shared their story, and how they were greatly encouraged and thankful for the help and prayers they received while staying in the Safe Harbor House. Through a partnership with Refuge Church, ATLAS was also able to assist the family with the 1st month’s

rent for their new home.

Before it was a house, the Safe Harbor ministry started in a local motel as an outreach ministry of Living Hope Church. In April 2017, Living Hope passed on oversight of the ministry to ATLAS while they continued to provide financial, volunteer, and prayer support.

At that time, the ATLAS Board moved the ministry out of the



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motel and into a two-bedroom house to provide a more secure and stable setting. Since the move to the house, ATLAS has served 13 families with 16 adults and 24 kids.

ATLAS partners with United Community Action Partnership (UCAP), a local nonprofit focused on addressing poverty, who handles the intake, assessment, and placement of families in the house.

Why would a ministry like ATLAS who is focused on mentoring provide a house for homeless families? The answer is relationships. Through the Safe Harbor House, you help ATLAS develop relationships with the families by offering prayer and spiritual support, and engaging volunteers to support the families. Past volunteers have brought meals, provided rides, delivered groceries, invited them to church, and helped families move into their new homes. Through all of this, you provide gospel hope to Willmar area families experiencing homelessness.

**“Thank you for everything you’ve done for my little family in our time of need. We have been truly blessed by your organization. ... We can’t say thank you enough! God bless you all”**

**– Safe Harbor Family**

**“Lord, help!”** they cried in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He calmed the storm to a whisper and stilled the waves. What a blessing was that stillness as **he brought them safely into harbor.** Psalm 107:28-30

### DONATE

You can support the families in our Safe Harbor House by donating items listed below or giving financially for ATLAS to purchase items. Current needs include:

- Cleaning supplies, dish soap, Clorox wipes, laundry detergent, dryer sheets
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, deodorants, etc.
- Queen and twin-size bedding and pillows.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### PRAY

Pray for the families staying in the Safe Harbor House. You can sign up for our weekly emails to learn how to specifically pray for the families staying in the house. Sign up online at: [atlaswcmn.org/get-involved/partner-with-atlas](http://atlaswcmn.org/get-involved/partner-with-atlas)

#### VOLUNTEER

Help us build relationships with guests in the Safe Harbor House. We are looking for volunteers to make and deliver meals, give a ride if needed, deliver groceries, help families move, etc. Sign up online at [atlaswcmn.org/get-involved/partner-with-atlas](http://atlaswcmn.org/get-involved/partner-with-atlas) to start receiving our emails about volunteer opportunities.

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